

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:71

ANSWERED ON:06.12.2004

PROCUREMENT OF MILLET/COARSE GRAIN

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to procure millet/coarse grain directly from the farmers in various States;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has directed the Food Corporation of India(FCI) to start procurement;
- (c) if so, whether appropriate steps have been taken by the Government to make the FCI's procurement policy more transparent; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 71 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 6.12.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Procurement of coarsegrains from farmers under price support operations is presently being entirely undertaken by the State Governments and their Agencies.